

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
JINCHAI MA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

TIMOTHY HOUGHTON, New York District
Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
Services;
MERRICK GARLAND, Attorney General
of the United States;
ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, Secretary,
Department of Homeland Security;
PATRICIA MENGES, Director,
New York Asylum Office;
SUSAN RAUFER, Director,
Newark Asylum Office; and
UR M. JADDOU, Director,
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services,

Defendants.

ANALISA TORRES, District Judge:

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ORDER

To protect the public health, while promoting the “just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding,” Fed. R. Civ. P. 1, it is ORDERED pursuant to Rules 30(b)(3) and 30(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that all depositions in this action may be taken via telephone, videoconference, or other remote means. It is further ORDERED pursuant to Rule 30(b)(5) that a deposition will be deemed to have taken place “before an officer appointed or designated under Rule 28” if such officer attends the deposition using the same remote means used to connect all other participants, so long as all participants (including the officer) can clearly hear and be heard by all other participants. The parties are encouraged to engage in discovery through remote means at every available opportunity.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 14, 2023
New York, New York



ANALISA TORRES
United States District Judge